

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:121

ANSWERED ON:25.02.2009

COMPULSORY RURAL POSTING OF DOCTORS

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved any proposal for compulsory rural posting of doctors after completion of their graduation as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 31 January, 2009;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for implementing the said proposal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 121 FOR 25TH FEBRUARY, 2009

In order to ensure availability of doctors in rural areas of the country, the Central Government has decided to make one year combined rural posting in Primary Health Centres, Community Health Centres and District headquarters under the State Government, a mandatory condition for eligibility for MBBS graduates to seek admission to Post graduate medical courses, as recommended by Sambasiva Rao Committee. It is proposed to be implemented from the next academic session for which modalities are being worked out. This decision was also endorsed by the States in the meeting of the Central Council for Health and Family Welfare on 30th January, 2009.